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In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows.

1-65. (Canceled)

- 66. (Currently Amended) A composition, comprising: at least one isolated nucleic acid molecule that encodes at least one polypeptide that catalyzes at least one step in the synthesis of at least one bryopyran ring, a portion of a polyketide synthase type I or the a complement thereof of the at least one isolated nucleic acid molecule, wherein the at least one polypeptide comprises portion includes a domain having at least one activity of a polyketide synthase type I, and wherein the at least one nucleic acid molecule hybridizes under hybridization conditions of 0.015 M NaCl/0.0015 M sodium citrate, 0.1% SDS at 50°C to SEQ ID NO:37 or the complement thereof after washing in 0.015 M NaCl/0.0015 M sodium citrate, 0.1% SDS at 50°C.
- 67. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 66, wherein the at least one bryopyran ring comprises at least one bryostatin.

68-69. (Canceled)

- 70. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 66, wherein the at least one nucleic acid molecule is a nucleic acid of Candidatus.
- 71. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 70, wherein the Candidatus comprises at least one *Endobugula*.
- 72. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 71, wherein the Endobugula is *Endobugula sertula*.

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73. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 66, wherein the nucleic acid molecule is a nucleic acid found in *Bugula* or a symbiont thereof.

74. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 73, wherein the *Bugula* is *Bugula* neritina, or *Bugula pacifica*.

75-87. (Canceled)

- 88. (Previously Presented) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising SEQ ID NO: 37, or the complement thereof.
- 89. (Canceled)
- 90. (New) The composition of claim 66, wherein the activity is selected from the group consisting of an acyl carrier protein (ACP), ketosynthase (KS), dehydratase (DH), or ketoreductase (KR).
- 91. (New) The composition of claim 66, wherein the nucleic acid molecule has 80% nucleic acid sequence identity to SEQ ID NO:37 or the complement thereof.
- 92. (New) The composition of claim 66, wherein the nucleic acid molecule has 90% nucleic acid sequence identity to SEQ ID NO:37 or the complement thereof.